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WSP Commercial Vehicle Division Conducts Overweight and Equipment Emphasis

On January 23, 2006, the Washington State Patrol Commercial Vehicle Division conducted over 100 safety inspections during an overweight and equipment emphasis in the Grays Harbor County area.

15 Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officers and Troopers from the Olympic Peninsula and Pierce and Thurston Counties inspected 104 commercial vehicles. 23 trucks and six drivers were not allowed to proceed until the violations were corrected. One driver was placed out of service for an alcohol related violation. A total of 49 tickets were written; most of which were for overweight violations.

Of the 104 vehicles inspected 19 were Level 1 Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) inspections which involve a 37 point equipment inspection, including the driver and a vehicle paperwork check. 70 Level 2 CVSA inspections were conducted, involving a walk-around of the truck; and driver and vehicle paperwork. 15 Level 3 CVSA inspections focused on reviewing driver and vehicle documents.

“Equipment violations are a safety concern and overweight vehicles cause a lot of damage to our roadways,” said Captain Coral Estes of the WSP Commercial Vehicle Division. “We take these violations very seriously. These emphasis patrols are just one of many ways we are working with the trucking industry and the motoring public through education and enforcement to enhance public safety on our roadways.”

This is one of many emphases that will be conducted in Washington State. For additional information, interviews, or to ride along during future emphases, please contact CVEO 3 Jeff Osberg at (360) 509-7265.

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